

GLOBAL SCHOOL PARTNERS MINUTES FROM AGM 2015

Date: Wednesday 9th August 2015

Venue PSA boardroom, Deakin

Time :5.30-7.00pm

Attendees: Alison Just, Drewe Just, Simon Carroll, Jann Carroll, Kathy Laudenbach, Christine Melican, Graeme Lendrum, Andrew, Heather Ablett, Penny Vanzwol; Julie Jobson

Apologies: Paul McGinness; Philippa Brearley

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome

Simon opened the meeting at 5.30 and welcomed all attendees and thanked them for their time and support of GSP.

Minutes and Matters arising

Minutes from 2014 were tabled and accepted

No Matters arising from previous minutes

Proposed Drewe Just

Seconded: Alison Just

Financial Report

Accounts were tabled and accepted

Proposed: Kathy Laudenbach

Seconded: Penny Vanzwol

Glenda Wilkinson was thanked for her continuing work in looking after the accounts.

Simon re-iterated that all money spent goes to projects and no project is funded until all money is in our bank.

Exchange rate is affecting value of projects. This is not likely to improve in the short term

Annual Report

Simon presented the executive summary and showed slides of some of the projects that have been completed this year. In summary:

- 2014 saw a team that went to Kenya with 2 teachers and one doctor.
- 1 container was sent
- CGGS sent a team
- New website was launched which was viewed in the meeting.
- 20 projects in the financial year
- GSP Zimbabwe trip is underway with two academics from the University of Newcastle during late Sept and early October
- Kerobe Joybright rebuilding of the school after a road was installed through the middle of the property
- Penrith High came on board and is partnered with St Thomas, Kisii
- St Joseph's partnered with St Clare of Assisi in Tuggeranong Valley

- Students sponsored now up to 63.

Future plans

Official launch is taking place on 24th October with a gala dinner at the Hellenic club
Purpose is to raise profile and raise enough to implement a Wellbeing officer who will assist with health education and visit schools on a regular basis and communicate with Simon regularly.

Gala dinner - Feedback from one school is that it is too expensive especially for non drinkers. There is a reduced price for a table of 10.

Suggestion of an Inter school trivia night as a fund raiser was well received by those present.

Jobs we need done were reviewed and tabled. Sponsorship model was explained, committee agreed the model was effective and 'real' and engaging.

Suggestion that we recruit a sponsorship secretary to maintain data base, communicate with sponsors and children in Kenya and to facilitate correspondence.

Annual report finalised.

Proposed: Christine Melican

Seconded: Jann Carroll

Election of directors

Chair required. Paul and Simon are approaching a couple of potential, high profile people to determine interest.

Appointment of auditor

This is now a requirement due to DGR status. Glenda Wilkinson has been approached to suggest an auditor.

Insurances

Directors insurance is being investigated.

Simon will lead a team to Kenya in January 2016 and travel insurance is required. Everyone will pay their own way.

Other business

To sponsor is tax deductible this is important for parents to know. This will be the focus of the next round of newsletters.

Promotion of the Gala dinner by all present is a priority.

Schools were asked what they required of GSP:

Speak more often at assemblies

Build awareness in the community

Managing expectations of principals in Kenya is an ongoing educative process

Simon thanked the attendees for their time and input.

Meeting closed at 6.50pm